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The court sua sponte, pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Fed. R. Civ. P. hereby orders that case numbers CV-99-0046 (Rui Liang, et al. v. United States of America and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) and CV-00-0005 (Juyel Ahmed, et al. v. United States of America and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) are consolidated into case CV-02-0023 (Jiang Xiu Ying, et al., v. United States of America, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, et al.). All pleadings involving CV-99-0046 and CV-00-0005 shall now utilize case number CV-02-0023 in their caption. The court finds that consolidation of the cases is

appropriate because the parties and the issues are the same and consolidation will serve the interest of judicial economy.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 26th day of December, 2002.

ALEX R. MUNSON

Judge